THE TOCSIN, OR, WATCH-BELL:

Sent

TO THE KING, QVEENE Regent, Princes of blood, to all the Parlaments, Magistrates, Officers, and loyall Subiects of FRANCE.

Against the booke of the Popes temporall power, not long since set forth by Cardinall BELLARMINE Iesuite.

By MEMNONS *Statue.*

With the permission of the best Genie of Fraunce.
And done into English by *I. R.*

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Ecce enim mysterium
vobis dico.

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THE TRANSLATOR TO THE LOYALL Hearted Subiects of ENGLAND.

AS the Author of this ſmall Treatiſe teſtifieth himſelfe to be a true hearted ſubiect to the Crowne of France, by compoſing it; I will likewiſe (in emulation and imitation of his fidelity) approue my ſelfe to be no leſſe to the Crowne of England, by tranſlating it. For ſith this bloudy booke of Cardinal Bellarmine *(ambitiouſly arrogating to himſelfe the Title of the*

Popes Temporall power) *though particularly sent to France, is neuertheleſſe meant, and doth concerne all other Kingdomes, Soueraignties and free States whatſoeuer; I thought in honour to God, in alleageance to my Prince, in loue to my Countrie, and in duetie to all, I was bound to diſpoile out of his French habilements, and to ſute in our Engliſh attire this iudicious and compendious Treatiſe, which ſo worthily oppoſeth and impugneth it. Come, nay then run, if not flie hither, you loyall hearted Engliſh men, and as the choiſe of the wiſeſt, chiefeſt and loyalleſt hearted French haue already, ſo in religion, in zeale, in diſcretion and iuſtice doe you now commit and ſacrifice to the fire both* Bellarmines *booke, and the thought, much more the practiſe of thoſe irreligious, vſurping and ſanguynat ſpeeches and poſitions therein contained, tending*

ding to the disgrace, preiudice, and destruction both of our Kings & Countries; yea for euer (in your hearts and soules) not onely spit at, but defie the wrongfull, tyrannicall, Iesuiticall and Diabolicall pretence of this (Sophisticall traytor, and treacherous Sophister) Bellarmine, *who (as subtlely as inueterately) aimeth, not to reach at, but to take off the Crownes of Kings, and (iniustlie) to place them vpon the heads of Popes; yea to trample their Scepters and Regall Ornaments vnder their feet, and to bring their Dominions and subiects, both into a wofull desolation and a miserable subiection and slauerie.*

For alas, shall we permit to see, or liue to permit that our Roiall Kings of England (not inferior to anie, but equall with the greatest Kings of the world) should now (through our negligence) be made homagers, subiects, nay slaues vnto Popes

(*Gods mortall enemies, and our deadly professed foes*) as was our *King* Iohn, *the Emperour* Fredericke Barbarossa, *the King of Nauarre, and Earle of Tholouse, &c.*)

No, no, illustrious and generous Nobilitie, iudicious and faithfull priuie Counsellors, learned and vpright Iudges, reuerend and religious Prelates, valorous and warlike Gentry, incorruptible and watchfull Magistrates, faithful and vigilant Officers, obedient and loyall Commons; ioine all in one, yea, let euery mothers sonne (if occasion require) with an vnanime consent, Viua Voce, *cheerfully and couragiously, with Drummes beating, Trumpets sounding, and Canons roaring, denounce Warre to that Cardinall, nay to that Pope, nay to that diuell, which presumeth or durst presume to depriue either our King of his soueraigntie,*

or our Countrey of her independencie: yea next and immediatly to the zeale of the glory of God, let vs be zealous & watchfull, watchful and couragious, couragious and resolute, for the securitie and preseruation of King IAMES *our dread Soueraigne, and his heires for euer; and for the conseruation and maintaining of the Soueraigntie, both of his Crowne and Kingdome of England, the Paradice of the world, and our sweet natiue Countrie.*

And the more to incite, and powerfully incourage you in the performance of this your religious and sworne duety; I haue translated, published, and here present you this Tocsin, (*or* Watch-bell) *that when you chaunce to sleepe in your beddes of securitie, it may arouse and awake you to stand vpon your guard, with Swordes drawne, Muskets charged, Match lighted, and hearts eagerlie sharpened and animated to destroy and*

confound

confound the Pope and his adhærents, and to ſubuert and ouerthrow all other hoſtile enemies whatſoeuer, which ſhal either incroach vpon our Temporalitie, or attempt to depriue vs of our Soueraignty; to the end that neither the fame and renowme of our deceaſed triumphant and victorious warriours (which hath heretofore ſpread it ſelfe to the fartheſt and remoteſt parts of the world, and is for euer characteris'd vpon the neuer-dying Records of immortality) may not deſeruedly taunt & taxe vs with the ſcandalous imputation of cowardiſe, nor our poſteritie hereafter, reuile and curſe vs for leauing them inheritors and heires, onely to Tyrannicall ſlauery, and Presbyteriall ſeruitude: from the which God of his mercy preſerue & defend both our ſelues and them. And hereunto let all the loyall hearted ſubiects of King Iames *clappe hands, and ſay* Amen, Amen.

By I. R.

THE TOCSIN
OR,
WATCH-BELL.

FRance, it is high time (without delay) that this *Tocsin* (or *watch-bell*) sound shrilly in the hearts of all thy people, to awake and giue the *Alarum* to all those which ought to defend thee; sith *Cardinall Bellarmine the Iesuite* (as impudently as vniustly) hath chosen the right of thy *Kings* minority, to giue the assault to thy *Soueraignty*, and to fixe the *Petard* to the gates of thy Maiesty, hitherto inuiolated.

He hath watched the time that thy *Hercules Henry the great*, was translated to a better Kingdome then thine, to leaue the Supreintendency thereof ill assured to the young King his heire, the Regency vncertaine to the Queene Regent, the succession doubtfull to the *Princes* of blood, the authority de-

crepit and feeble to the *Parliaments*, the care voyde of honour to the Magistrates, the loyalty without assurance to the Officers, the obedience without fidelity to the Subiects, and the peace without continuance to our neighbours. For this booke published of late in Rome, vnder the title of *The Popes Temporall power*, hath performed all, yea farre worse then all this.

This proud Cardinall in his booke, depainteth vs Popes, as if each were a *Cyrus*, that is to say, inflamed with a desire, both to haue and to commaund all: but our *Queene Mary* shall be to them a *Tomiris*, which authorised and incouraged in the right of her sonne, shall not onely cut off the complots of those Vsurpers, but also the intrusion of all others whatsoeuer. An acte both iust and necessary, sith it is not done in contempt of the Apostolicke authoritie, but contrariwise, to exempt vs from that bondage whereunto this *Cardinall* through his booke would bring vs: yea, and which he would cause to steale in to the buddes of the Flower-deluces, thereby to yoke and curbe the free necks of the *Kings* of *France*, which more iustly then all other *Kings* of the world may say,

Filij Abrahæ sumus & nemini seruiuimus vnquam.

A iudicious personage of this Kingdome, as soone as he saw the diabolicall parricide committed and perpetrated vpon the sacred person of our late King *Henry the Great*, and the Queene mother declared *Regent*, he said, that shee would be vnto our

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yong King, as the branch of the Plane tree, or as the Storke is to yer young ones, from whom ſhee keepeth off all infection and venome.

And now it is that France expecteth of the ſaid Queene Regent, the fruits of the aforeſaid prediction. For if euer deadly poyſon ſpread it ſelfe ouer the Crowne of *France*, it is now through this *Cardinals Booke*, which endeuoureth that the Maieſty and ſoueraignty of the Flower-deluces, ſhould temporally be made ſubiect vnto Popes. But alas, great Queene, what pittie, nay what griefe would it be to you, (you being the Tutrixe both of King and Kingdome) negligently to permit all France to be impoyſoned through one onely booke?

Impia nam Pietas poſſet ſic veſtra videri.

For may it pleaſe your Maieſty to conſider, that in France there are a great number of falſe hearted French men, vnto whom the peruſing of this booke is as dangerous as the fome of a mad dogge, when it falleth on any part of a mans body, being already either diſeaſed or vlcerated.

But he which hath written it (*Madam*) is a *Cardinall:* and if the conſideration thereof take place in your generous heart, it will befall you as it did ſometimes vnto King *Demetrius*, (whom *Hiſtorians* haue ſurnamed the indiſcreet Prince) becauſe after hauing a long time laide a ſiege, yea, ſweated before the towne of *Rhodes*, and imployed both his blood and treaſure, to become Maſter thereof; hee neuertheleſſe at laſt did loſe both the honour and

fruit of his victory; for the respect which he bare vnto a naked picture of *Protogenes*, which he very ardently loued, and desired to conserue; and so desisted from battering that part of the towne, where that table was: by which quarter of the towne he might easily haue surprised and taken it.

In the selfe same manner (you *Madam*) vnto whose children the precedent Kings of France haue (for the space of twelue hundred yeares) with much care and trauell, reduced the Crowne thereof to all Soueraignty, and acknowledging to hold it of none but of God (though otherwise most religious) haue both daunted and brought to reason, the *Bonifaces* and *Iulies* (authors of ambition, and bladders puft vp with the winde of vaine glorie) are now brought to lose the libertie of the King your sonne, if you incline and bend your selfe to admire the dignity of this *Cardinall*; who is to be esteemed no other then a vaine picture in respect of the matter whereof he treateth: vnlesse couragiously you sacrifice not to the fire, the rodde wherewith this impudent *Cardinall* doth imploy his best endeuours, to scourge the Soueraignty of France.

When question is to assault a strange Citie, or a Castle esteemed impregnable, none vndertake to attempt it without great and notable preparatiues: so this *Cardinall* hath long since both premeditated and propens'd to assault the soueraignty of the Crowne of France; which cannot be won without good & valable conditions. For it is a Cat that cannot be surprised without gloues: But sift we more narrowly their proceedings. First

Firſt at Rome they watered and mollified the Maieſty of his chiefe court of Parliament (eſteemed at all times the *Paladium of France*) in the water of the pretext of Religion; contradicting & cenſuring his Arreſt, ſo religiouſly and iuſtly giuen againſt that *Parricide Caſtell*; and ſince perceiuing that France was thereof become inſenſible, and as it were ſicke of a Lethargie, becauſe ſhe had ſwallowed downe this ſweet and ſugred pill of Reſpect and Piety, towards the See of Rome, (as the royal Dolphin, king of fiſhes, who hauing eaten the ſweet fiſh *Pompilia*, doth with the ſweetnes thereof become ſo drunke, that all his ſenſes are benummed, and as it were ſurpriſed with a Lethargy; ſo as falling vpon the Sand of the ſhore, he there dieth, and is deuoured of the birds of the ayre) they reſolue to aduance further, and continuing to allure him with the ſuger of the ſame deuotion, they definitiuely determine wholly to exterminate this independant Monarchy, thereby to make him the prey and benefice of all thoſe Sophiſters and flatterers, whom the Pope pleaſeth to repleniſh and ſurfet.

But as the poore Dolphin amidſt his pangs of death, (of all his naturall faculties) hath ſtill his eyes open to behold his miſery: right ſo, *Lethargique France*, at leaſt before thou die, retaine thy ſight that thou mayeſt ſee the miſery wherinto the booke of this *Cardinall* will bring thee.

Cardinall, a ſplendant & glorious name: but vnto whō? why only vnto ignorant people, as the deceit of the Fowler daſleth the eyes of Larkes and Linits

with the reflex of peeces of a Looking-glasse, which they represent them, but neuer dasleth the eyes of generous *Lyons*, which are not affrighted at the remouing shadow of a light Ensigne, nor at the apparition of a nocturnall Ghost.

And who will not repute thee feeble, and taxe thee of cowardise generous France, Lyon of all Crownes (as the Lyon is King of all beasts) if the respect of a Redde Hatte should haue power to stoppe the course of thy independency? It is reported of the Lyon, that with the sound of his voyce he assembleth all beasts to appeare before him; and therefore thou French Lyon, assemble, require, and inuite all the Potentates and Princes of Christendome, to see the fraudulency of this second *Menecli-des*, who insensibly would throw effeminatnes into the spirits of Princes, of purpose to make them become, not tributaries, but subiects to a Priest: to a Priest worthy indeed to be beloued, as long as he maintaineth himselfe Priest of the world, and Lord or King of his owne territories, without extending his shooe in *Idumea*; and striuing that those which in temporall matters are but strangers to him, should neuertheless in that regard be as homagers and subiects vnto him.

In Idumeam extendam Calciamentum meum,
mihi alieni genæ subditi sunt.

We reade of the Trozenians, that in *Hercules* Clubbe they heretofore saw an Oliue branch marked with repose and security: and France I say vnto thee,

thee, that out of thy reſiſtance, as of a warlike weapon, wil ſpring vp thy conſeruation and peace. And although at firſt it ſeeme ſomewhat ſtrange vnto thee, to ſee a *Cardinals* booke publikely burnt by a common hang-man; I neuertheleſſe aduertiſe thee, that this thy anger will proue vnto thee as the ſweetneſſe of moſt medicinall hearbs, as the taſte of the moſt effectuall Antidots, which are ſharp in the palate, and diſtaſtfull in the mouth; but worketh ſtrongly with nature, and exceedingly nouriſheth and comforteth the whole body.

Cæſar, that renowned *Cæſar* had neuer conſeru'd his dignity, if he had not conſidered what it was to haue paſſed the riuer Rubicon with his Army.

And France thou ſhalt neuer vphold thy Soueraignty, if thou ſound the paſſage of the profound Amelyte riuer of negligence; vpon the bankes of which thou haſt a long time ſlept, and as it were thy ſelfe at eaſe, ſtretched to receiue the filth of the firſt which attempteth to blemiſh thy incomparable beauty.

And if the Naramones ſeeing the South winde had dried vp all their Ceſternes (in battell array) reſolued to ſeeke out his Origine, thereby to fight and be reuenged of him: O France, France, what oughteſt thou to do againſt the peſtiferous winde of this Cardinals booke, which attempteth to drie vp the perpetuall ſource of thy Crowne and Kingdomes Soueraignty?

Steneleides Ephore of Lacedemonia counſelled the Spartans, to beare to the gates both the weapons

pons and wou ds of thoſe which violate their liberties: but at the firſt I am not ſo bloudy, neuertheles did occaſion require, I would not be the laſt for ſo good a ſubiect. But France, I with *Publius* the Syrian content my ſelfe to aduertiſe thee, that the iniurie firſt receiued and not reuenged, draweth on a ſecond, and that this ſecond will ſoone bring thee a third, if thou winke thereat and diſſemble it vnder the cloake of Religion.

Briefly I tell thee, that this *Cardinals* booke is the ſame to thee that *Epeus* horſe was to the Troians, that is to ſay in good French, he will be thy ruine: for in his entrailes he hideth a thouſand ſharpe weapons, to ſubuert the Maieſty of thy Kings, and conſequently to metamorphoſe thy tranquility into a combuſtion. I haue read that *Pythagoras* adored the Altars of *Apollos* Temples in Delos, becauſe they were neuer ſacked nor ruinated: and I beleeue likewiſe that the world will reuerence France, becauſe ſhe was neuer brought vnder the yoake of ſubiection and ſlauerie.

But alas poore France, thou now remembreſt not, that as aunciently for ſacrifices the quieteſt beaſts were ſooneſt done to death and immolated: ſo likewiſe at preſent thy exceſſiue piety to the See of Rome, proueth to be the chiefeſt cauſe of thy deſtruction.

Cardinall *Bellarmine* ſhould haue addreſſed himſelfe to the King of Spaine, to haue practiſed theſe pranckes in his Dominions, for he hath ſhewed vs how we ſhould beare our ſelues. For when *Baronius*

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(likewiſe *Cardinall*) wrote a Treatiſe of the Sicilian Monarchy: this King which for Sicilia is the elected and feuditorie heyre of the Popes, ſo well ordered his affaires, that the moſt audacious durſt not preſume to publiſh what the ſaid *Baronius* had written of that matter. Many countreys ſubiect to his obedience, yea, and his Officers bore themſelues ſo brauely in the diſcharge, that neither the Pope nor Cardinall hath ſince reaped any benefite thereof; yea and will or nill, they were forced ſo to content themſelues both within Italy, as alſo in Kingdomes which yearely contribute many hundreds to the Church of Rome And yet we in France are afraid of our ſhadowes. If there be replie made, that the king of Spaine hath as iuſt cauſe to except at this Booke, as the king of France; in a word, I anſwer, that the quality of the eſtates of theſe two kingdomes are very much different, and that Rome hath not rounded France in the eare as ſhe hath done Spaine. The wiſer ſort vnderſtand me, *Et ecce myſterium quod vobis dico.*

But now, what will the aduerſaries of the Romane Religion ſay, ſeeing that the Sea of Rome, which was heretofore the tree of life, is now become an Oleander and a Vgh tree, whoſe contagious ſhadow killeth thoſe which thinke to repoſe themſelues vnder the ſweeteneſſe of their branches.

O deceitfull verdure of religion, which like that of the North Sea, doſt couer by the faire greene paſſages of the holy Scriptures wreſted, the ſhelues

and rockie places where all the Lordships of the world ruine themselues, and suffer shipwracke.

No, no France, it is no longer time to dissemble: for as *Pyndarus* violated the peace contracted betwixt the Greeks and Troians, through the leueling of one arrow at *Menelaus*, so this *Cardinall* through the arrow which he hath shot forth against the liberty of France (the which he hath not exempted from the Popes bondage) induceth vs to esteeme the familiarity of the Sea of Rome, to be full of feare and suspition.

I haue heretofore heard the Abbot of *Boys Oliuier* report (being a person sufficiently knowne for the good offices which he daily performeth, both to the Church of Rome, and his King) that this present Pope *Paulus Quintus*, is very affectionately addicted to France, and that this *Cardinall Bellarmine* is a man very deuout, and of a most innocent life and conuersation. But now I begin to suspect and doubt the fidelity of this Abbot; for the booke now published by *Bellarmine*, and approued and authorised by the Pope, doth apparantly testifie the contrary. For doth his Holinesse loue France? why then permitteth he that this *Cardinals* booke set it on fire? and if the Cardinall himselfe be a deuout and innocent man, why giueth he not to France that which he oweth? I meane by separating and distinguishing it from other kingdomes (which for the most part) are feuditory and tributary to Popes.

I will yet further tie my selfe to the relation of this Abbot (for he is knowne to be a Prelate so sincere

cere and faithfull, that he will rather die then ſpeake one thing and thinke another) and will rather beleeue that a great part of this fault proceeded thorough the negligence of the kings intelligencers at Rome, and namely of *Monſieur de Marquemont*, Auditor of Rota, which hath yearely great penſions from the king, and neuertheleſſe was not ſo well aduiſed to diſcouer the imprinting of this booke: whereof if he had certified *Monſieur de Breues* (his Maieſties Ambaſſadour) he would ſo powerfully and valably haue conferred with the Pope, that his Holineſſe weighing his allegations and reaſons (at leaſt) if he had loued France, would haue preuented the impreſſion therof; and the Cardinall, were he ſo deuout and innocent, would himſelfe haue abhorred the publiſhing thereof: eſpecially ſith both the one and the other well knew what trouble this vnneceſſary booke would occaſion in all Chriſtendome. And as for vs (reſpecting our Kings minoritie wherein it was publiſhed) we can ſay no other then

Scorpius inſidias illa ſub caute tetendit.

Thoſe amongſt vs which eſteeme themſelues cleerer ſighted then others, thinke that the publiſhing of this booke is a tricke meerely inuented by the ſociety of Ieſuites, purpoſely to replunge France in the miſeries, from whence the late deceaſed King had miraculouſly withdrawen it: eſteeming that ſect to reſemble frogges, which are neuer well before they are in the mire. Which if it be ſo, the Ieſu-

ites may properly be parallel'd to the trees of the Forrest Lytania, which inuite trauellers to come and repose themselues vnder the delectable shaddow of their branches, and then being set downe, instantly fall on them and kill them; for all their speeches are nothing but of peace, of matters of state, and of the dignitie of France, (which indeede draweth many of their side and faction) so as if in the meane time they sell vs, we shall be cunningly deceiued: but my comfort is, that there is a great difference and distance betwixt the sale and deliuery of vs.

I say if this come to passe, to auoyde their enterprises it were better wee surprised them: for otherwise it will befall vs, as it did the Marriners of the Lake of Laumont (in the Prouince of Escouie) in Scotland, which as long as the said Lake was tempestuous they passe without danger, but being calme they alwayes endure shipwracke. And alas, who hath better and fitter meanes to annoy vs then the Iesuites, who confesse the King, importunately solicite the Queene, liue as companions with *Monsieur* the Chancellor, and *Monsieur Villeroy*? of whom through their dexterity they may obtaine many things, which may tend to our ruine, as aduice and agents to those which employ them thereunto.

I am not ignorant that their speeches and bookes are more sweeter then the Syrens songs, and that many good spirits (pricked forwards with the spurre of Religion) throw themselues headlong

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into the Sea of their acquaintance, more fully to participate of their harmony: But I know likewiſe that as the winde ſprong vp which conducted *Butes* out of danger, and ſaued him in Lybia: ſo the winde which at preſent bloweth againſt them in France, hath drawen many excellent ſpirits forth the Sea of their captiuity, and hath fortunately brought them to the port of happines.

For conſidering more narrowly why they are ſo applauded, and with a circumſpectious eye beholding the forme of their comportments yea and not onely in their faces, but in their liues and doctrines, yea in their very hearts and actions; they affirme they haue found nothing but death for life, euill for good, the loſſe of the Church for her preſeruing, and the loſſe of the eſtate for his conſeruation.

As for me, if ſuch they are, I am of opinion, that there was neuer ſpell nor charme more ſtronger and powerfull, then that wherewith they practiſe. For when I do ſee a *Sillery* and *Villeroy*, (both ſpirites ſhining with brightneſſe, and on all ſides enuironed with piercing ſights, which as two *Argus*, haue rather their heads in their eyes, then their eyes in their heads) to be ſo inchanted and lulled aſleepe with the diſſembling ſongs of thoſe treacherous *Mercuries*; which perceiue not that in ſhutting their eyes to their practiſes, they both cloſe vp and finiſh the dayes of their own honor, and eclipſe the ſplendor of the dignity of France their deere mother and ſweete

Countrey, which hath so honourably imparted them the choyce of her chiefest dignities, and yet of whom they will rauish her chiefest Iö (to wit) her independency and soueraignty, whereof this great *Iupiter* in *Bellarmines* booke doth demonstrate himselfe desperatly enamoured.

I am besides my selfe, and beleeue all and more too, which antiquity hath reported of *Circes* the Magician.

This *Capitolian Iupiter* durst neuer haue assaulted our French *Hercules* in the face, but when he perceiued his backe turned, then he sent this couragious canker Sophister *Bellarmine*, sweating with the blood of Princes, to wound him in the heele. But couragious, couragious, the wound is not yet mortall: for (*Iolaus*) the inflexible Parliament of Paris will cure him: yea and so manage and operate, that this *Ixion* which thought himselfe cock-sure, to haue embraced our French *Iuno*, shall in stead thereof onely embrace a cloud, from whence shal issue *Centaures*, that shall go through all countries, blessing those which will receiue them, yet neuertheless shall not be entertained in France, which was neuer ordained to be *Augeas* stable.

And as *Theron* King of Spaine, knocking at the gate of *Hercules* Temple, was with his whole Fleete miraculously consumed by a clap of lightning from heauen: right so this booke beating at the Soueraignty of France, shall iudicially be consumed to cynders, together with all his Sophisticall reasons. This being incident and fatall to France, that as ne-

uer vitious perſon entred into the Temple of *Vulcan* on mount Ætna, but was by the guardians thereof deſtroyed and rent in pieces: ſo there was neuer any ill affected to the Flower-deluces, which heretofore hath publiſhed their impoſtures, but by the vigilancie of the Parliaments haue beene both defaced and burnt. And although the late troubles haue opened the doores of France, and ſo let in ſome indiſcreet and pernitious bookes: as ſometimes forrainers came and caſt ancre in *Diomedes* Ilands, wherin the habitation was onely permitted to the Grecians, becauſe there were certaine birds which *Diomedes* brought thither, which would not endure that any others ſhould peaceably reſide there, except thoſe which were of *Diomedes* country: ſo as if they found any forrainers or ſtrangers there, thoſe carefull birds would violently fall on them, picking and tearing their faces, yea and biting their armes and breaſts, and neuer forſake them vntill they had ſlaine them. In the ſame manner in this Kingdome are carefull and watchfull Parliaments and Magiſtrates, which our Kings haue eſtabliſhed, that will neuer permit that the enemies of the ſtate ſhould violate their priuiledges, or infringe their authority. And although for a time either through importunity or protection of great perſonages, they winke as if they ſaw nothing, & ſo permit them to inhabite amongſt vs: Neuertheleſſe they will neuer tolerate themlong to dwell peaceably amongſt vs, but vvill cloſely and violently purſue them, vntill they haue both extenuated and exterminated them, yea and neuer wea-

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rie themſelues to bite and ſting them continually, but proue as faithfull as the dogges being Porters of *Mineruaes Iliadnes* Temple in Dulia, which by a naturall inſtinct alwayes bit thoſe which came to prophane the Temple: yea although they were brought in by her Prieſt, which vnder colour of religion was deceiued by thoſe deteſtable prophaners.

It is reported that the Liſards crooked teeth, hauing once taken hold, cannot be remoued without breaking them. Let vs therefore breake the crooked teeth of this Liſard *Bellarmine*, to the end he leaue vs in our auncient liberty and freedome.

It agreeth well with Rome to haue a Pantheon wherein to adore the generality of Gods; but France can ſerue onely one Maſter. And to ſpeake truely, the cauſes which concerne the Temporalitie of France ought not to be cenſured, much leſſe decided in the Conſiſtorie of Rome. For were that tolerated, it were the direct way to put in practiſe the couſenage of ſubtle *Ithacus*, who before the Grecian army, would pleade the proceſſe of generous and ingenious *Palamedes*, to the end the ſubtiller to depoſe & ſtone this innocent Prince, and notwithſtanding all this while to cloake treaſon with a diſſembling ſhew of iuſtice and equity, reſembling the Popes which oueruaile their vſurpation with the ſcarfe of Religion.

But if *Iupiter* inflamed with choler, commanded the Riuer *Acheron* to remoue and deſcend into hell, becauſe the water therof refreſht the *Tytans* his

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mortall enemies, which rebelled against him. So what Iudge is there in France which will not be cheerefull, yea willing to controlle, yea confound such Stationers Libraries, & running Book sellers, which cause seditious and pernitious pamphlets to alight on the hearts of those which are enemies and rebels, to their Prince and countrey, to incourage and harden them in the execution of their wicked plots and proiects?

Eneas (surnamed the Pious) threatned with a cruell death those Rutuloys, which furnished his enemy *Turnus* with armor and weapons; and the Corcyriens burnt the citie of Cillena, because the Helenians being Lords thereof, had aided the Corinthians their enemies: and shall our Iudges winke at the assistance and aide which these Booke-sellers giue the enemies of France, by dispersing and selling this booke of *Bellarmine*, which most secretly and dangerously they sow and distribute?

No France, no: if the Iesuites participate of this wickednesse, entertaine them no longer as companions and friendes: for being aduanced and risen through the fauour which thou hast bestowed on them, they vse thee as the Scythian slaues did their Masters; esteeming themselues worthy to aspire to their nuptiall beddes: so the Iesuites beleeue they may both sport and doe what they please with the Soueraignty of France. But once curbe and correct them with the whip, and thou shalt see they will take heed to offend thee. For I cannot more properly compare them then to the beasts Teuterydes,

which feare and flie at those which assault them, and vehemently assault and follow those which permit them to repose and rest in peace.

Anciently, wise *Vlisses* conceiued an extreme horrour, when his seruant *Eumenius* informed him, what theft and ryot the louers of his wife *Penelope* committed and acted in his house. But now King, Queene Regent, Princes, Iudges, Magistrates, Officers, and commons of France, would we might be shewen the dangerous Maximes of this Cardinals booke, & the spoyle of subuersion, which it pretendeth to doe in France; if you, I say, foresee not and procure the suppression and extirpation therof: yea, be ye all inflamed thereat with iust anger; for there is therein included and comprehended such dangerous positions and bloudy propositions, that it is to be feared, they will occasion the Kings Palaces and Cities to resemble the Cities and Palaces of Adonia, wherein was nothing heard but cryes and sighes, nothing seene but lamentations and teares.

Iudicious Queene, let not the apparent and dissembling remonstrances of a *Nuncio*, deceiue your vigilancy: For herein your Maiesty may please to remember the Egyptian fable of the Crocodile, who vpon the shores of Nylus hauing surprised a childe from his mother, cryed out as he bore him away, *I will render him thee againe, if thou canst define what I thinke*: the mother bitterly weeping, answered, *I define thou wilt not render him me, therefore restore him me, for I haue defined aright.* The Croco-

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dile replied, *If I reſtore him thee, then thou haſt lied, I will therefore keepe him both for thee and me.* So when the cenſure of the Areſt of Parliament was complained of, and made knowne to our Bride and Lord the late King; what promiſes did the Popes *Nuntio* make him, that he would cauſe it to be both remedied and reuoked? yea what ſugred ſpeeches gaue he to *Monſieur Chancelier* and *Monſieur Villeroy*, who onely hindred, and with-held that the Court of Parliament impoſed and bent not their authority againſt it? and which of all thoſe faire promiſes hath he ſince accompliſhed and performed? No, no, he well knoweth the humour of the French to be ſenſible in new wounds, and forgetfull when they are become more aged, and when they ſhould ſeeke for reuenge thereof: he beleeueth *that amongſt vs hee which hath time, hath life*: or to ſay more properly, *He which is reprined is pardoned.* And ſo much will he now likewiſe doe to preuent the burning of *Bellarmines* booke: but when the ſhame and feare thereof is paſt, you ſhall neuer obtaine the honour of the libertie of France, whereof this booke will depriue you; yea his promiſes will vaniſh away as ſmoake, knowing well that as *Denis* the tyrant had rather permit himſelfe to be pulled and drawne downe from his Throne, then to mount vpon a furious and warlike horſe: ſo the Popes (his Maſters) haue determined neuer to abandon their pretenſion, which they haue of the Soueraignty of France, or to ſee themſelues reduced and brought to an authority purely Apoſtolike and Sacerdotall; except

by meere force of the faithfull Officers of Kings, Potentates and Princes. It is an *Axiome* (*Madam*) incident to all Ambassadours, wheron dependeth eyther the glory or the interest of the Princes their Masters.

Turpe est vinci, sed non cessisse Decorum.

And to arriue to a Cardinalship, there is no directer way, then effectually to occasion Kings to submit themselues to the authority of Popes, which falsely apply and attribute to themselues this verse of *Dauids* Psalme:

Adorabunt eum omnes Reges terræ, omnes gentes seruient ei.

Which neuertheles belongeth not properly to any of them, but on the contrary to Iesus Christ.

And for *Cardinall Bellarmine*, he well knoweth that he hath not alwaies taught that which in his booke hee now teacheth, concerning the Soueraignty of Popes ouer Kings. For were not *Sixtus* the fift dead, hee would make him wedde the prison of the Inquisition, becausse hee then taught more conformable to the truth then he now doth.

But seeing this Cardinals booke now in the hangmans hand, ready to be conuerted into ashes; I would willingly demaund of him the sense of the same demaund which *Cyrus* made vnto *Cræsus*, whom he had vanquished and taken in battaile.

Bellarmine, who hath called thee without reasonable motiues, to warre against the temporall Soueraignty of

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France? And I answere my selfe (if his booke could speake it would answere for him) *The aduancement and security of the Soueraignty of France, the augmentation of her honour* (but without thought thereof) *and for euer the eclipsing of the renowne of my authour, with the eternall banishment of all his Adherents from the Territories of the Flower-de-Luce:* of which saith the Euangelist, *Salomon* in all his maiesty was neuer so maiesticall as it is.

When *Antipater* would haue reduced the Lacedemonians to his subiection, they said vnto him, Vse vs as Citizens, worthy of Lacedemonia, and let our truce bee as preiudiciall vnto vs as it pleaseth thee, so farre forth as it redound not to our shame.

So France saith at present to the Pope: Vse me as France, which hath temporally made thee what thou art; and on that which is spirituall, extend thy authority as farre as thou canst: but beware, make not this Crowne thy slaue, which (in many partes of Italy) hath made thee King. Otherwise thou must needes beleeue, if thou durst vndertake it, that (as *Augustus* said to those which dissuaded him from hating *Cassius* and *Brutus*, the murtherers of his adopted father *Cæsar*) God which hath esteemed our King *Lewes* the twelfth, worthy the Sceptre of great *Henry* his father, will make him as worthy a successor of his valour, to conserue the crown which he hath left him, free from all domination, except that of heauen.

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cracke or haire which is in the lustre of her Soueraignty causeth her to be no longer France, and maketh the valuation of her worth to be exceedingly debased and diminished.

Bellarmines booke for a time will be but a small pepin (or kernell) but with growth of yeares he will grow to be a very thicke Forrest, full of trees and branches; and if it be not in time lopped and prun'd, it will finally ouertop and beate downe the fruit of the French trees life, and infect it as the Salamander which lurketh in the hollow of some fruit tree; and so through his extreme coldenesse, doth by little and little cause him to wither and die.

When *Iupiter* gaue the marueilous rodde vnto *Mercury* his Messenger, he accompanied it with shame to beare it vnto human persons (immediatly after *Epimetheus* had framed man.) But I thinke that Iesus Christ the true God was no lesse careful when he gaue authority to Popes, to accompany them with modesty, in bearing themselues discreetly towards men.

I know well that as the Egyptians made Virgins to sit on Lyons, so the diuine prouidence of God hath placed Ecclesiasticall authority aboue temporall: but so, as Popes ought alwayes to remember that this spirituall authority is without issue or earthly production, as a Virgin which hath no children: yea and ought no more forget that Kings are Lions. And as it is easie for a Lyon at one fastening of his teeth to crush in sunder the bones of a Virgin, if she affright him: so it is easie for Princes

to bound vp Popes in their limits, if they once presume to anger them in any thing which concerneth their temporaltie; for therein consisteth their force and power. A good Christian both indeede and name, named Prudence, said,

Non eripit mortalia, qui Regna dat cœlestia.

Would not Popes in these daies resemble *Aarons* rodde, which voide of leaues, moth-eaten and drie, did neuer these in one night budde forth and become greene, in such sort, that the next morning the children of Israell perceiued not a branch without leaues, not a Troncke depriued of humidity, and separated from his sappe: but contrariwise a tree greenly flourishing and loden with fruit. This present time wherein we liue is not litterally the season of the Israelites; but spiritually of the Iewes, which miraculously retaine this rodde by miracle, but make no vse of the vertue thereof: since it was put into the Arke of the Couenant, as saith S^t. *Paul* to the Hebrewes, chap. 9. it was neuer imployed nor vsed, that we reade of in Scriptures.

There are no more *Fredericks* in the world: besides it is long since, that *Iuno Nucerene* was extinguished, the which in the warres of the Cymbrians, in the turning of a hand made her withered rodde flourish.

And the Popes deceiue themselues, to thinke that they alone can make the harmony of the Church, wherein there must likewise be Kings and Princes; as said *Zeno*, hearing the Musitian *Amebeus* playing

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on his instruments, that the entrailes, sinewes, and bones of beasts, yea wood laid by, accordant number, and arrang'd by equall proportion, make a pleasant and compleat harmony.

It is reported of Dragons, that they rot by alwaies eating of their tailes, and yet without eating any other flesh then their owne, they cannot againe become yong. So who will beleeue that the Popes for feare of rotting will not circumference themselues within the circle of their power, but to become againe young, they desire to eate the power of the Princes of the world?

Alas, must it so fall out, that I a Romane Catholique should see the Popes reproached, and that in permitting the publishing of this Cardinals booke, wherein France is vsed as the baseſt countrey of the world? They haue forgotten that it is that holy *Abicoboes* and mountaine of refuge, that stone of defence, which *Mahomet* in his Alcoran, not knowing notwithstanding the sense of his word, said to be built by the hand of the Almighty, for the sure and inexpugnable guard of his Ierusalem, to wit the Church. Yea, yea, as said *Hanniball* to *Antiochus* (but to another purpose) speaking of the forces of Syria towards the Romanes: there are but too many Doctors in France, capable to resist *Bellarmine*, although copious and abundant in allegations; yea there are in France enough to feather him, and more then enough to feare him.

Cur spolieris erit, non cur metuaris ab hoste.

O wise *Villeroy* (vnder the branches of whose fauour and greatnesse, lurke all those of the Romane faction, which would wound our countrey) seest thou not that the confused light of this *Bellarmine*, sent amidst the cloud of the variableness of France doth presage our tempest? and that the fire of his breath, falling vpon the poopes of our vessels, is the prognostication of the turbulency of our waters? But I foresee that in the end, the tempestuous storm of these waters will beare downe the Arke of their irregular power of Rome, so farre, that it will finally fixe and establish it vpon the toppes of the mountaines of Armenia, where it cannot possibly any longer annoy the Kings of the earth.

He which soundeth this *Tocsin* (or Watch-bell) wise *Villeroy*, is one which hath long admired thee, which knoweth very much of thy proceedings, and who daily weepeth at the diminution of the honor of our natiue countrey: to the security and preseruation whereof, thy too too great inclination to Rome giueth terrible assaults and aduantage.

But wherof should we feare? the Clergy of France is rich. But now the question is of the dignity of the Crowne of France, which some endeuour to annihilate and extinguish: and therfore who can hinder vs with *Themistocles*, neither to put distinction of wealth, places nor persons, against the rash assertions of *Bellarmine*, which seeke thereof to depriue vs? and who can iustly reproue vs, if with the Syracusans we holily vse our weapons, consecrated to the

Temple of the Olympian *Iupiter*, especially sith it concerneth the defence of our liberty.

And if as said *Publius Curulius*, it was lawfull to sell those trees which were most deuoutly consecrated to *Apollo* in the Ile of Coee, to build shippes for the warres: doubt not Holy Father, but that the Church of France, vse both her feathers & her treasures to reuenge her selfe of the wrongs which *Bellarmine* in his booke hath offered to the crowne of France: and as the Athenians saued themselues by the pretious stones of the monuments of their deceased: so we likewise will stone this *Bellarmine* to death with the stones of great *Henry*, our late Kings tombe; during whose life, if he had published that which he hath since written, that inuincible King would personally haue gone and fetched him out of Rome, and so in expiation of his irremissible offence, haue immolated and sacrificed him vpon the Altar of the Soueraignty of France.

O *Bellarmine*, the warre is now denounced betwixt France and thee: and remember that we will vse thee as the Argeans did the Spartans: for whether thou recant liuing, dead, or otherwise, as long as France is France, not such as thou wouldest haue it to be, but such as God hath established it: thy name amongst the French shall be as horrible and detestable as that of *Erostratus* in Ephesus, who endeuoured in one houre to sacke and raze downe all which rich Asia had erected and built in two hundred yeares.

And if thou desirest that thy other books (indeed

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profitable) and thy name (formerly honourable) ſhould remaine and liue with vs, we ſay vnto thee, as the Romanes ſaid to *Pyrrhus*, which intreated them for truce: firſt forſake the liberty of France, wheron thou haſt ſet foote and intruded, and then motion vs for peace. Otherwiſe nor thou, nor thine ſhall euer haue repoſe in France, ſith thou haſt watched the time of our mourning to make vs ſlaues, as did thoſe wicked ſlips of warre (deteſted of olde *Iacob*) viz. *Simeon* and *Leuy*,) which deſtroyed the Sichemites in their greateſt miſeries and calamities.

Curſed *Tarentula*, loe we denounce thee warre, and will no longer vſe thee as a Cardinall, becauſe thou haſt not vſed vs as free French men, the firſt borne of the Church. Doſt thou imagine to lull vs aſleepe, thereby to bring our moſt ſenſible members into a Lethargy? But what ſpeake I? thou art a Ieſuite, and therefore canſt not doe otherwiſe:

Simia ſemper Simia, etiam ſi paurpura veſtiatur.

O felonious Ieſuites, which reſemble the Nubian Marmorike, that groweth about the body of man purpoſely to deſtroy it. *Sarcophanges* of Troade, which will inhabite alone, and deſtroy all others that dwell neare you: Combuſtible *Pyrauſtes* which by the rayes of your bookes, dart forth a thouſand incendies and fires into Kingdomes: enuious *Dæmons*, *Telchines* or *Alaſtors*, which to deceiue the ſimple Commons of France, couer your ſelues with the thicke cloude of religion, and exhauſting the water of ſtinking Styx, powre it out on our heads;

not onely of purpose to ingender a thousand mischiefes, but also to make vs forget the wholsome Antidots and remedies, which great *Henry* hath administred to our miseries. But alas, your water resembleth the water of the fountaine of Tellos, which is so thicke that it cannot bee intermixed with wine, no more then can your hellish and King-killing Doctrine agree with the French.

For although you seeme faire in your conuersations and bookes, yet God preserue our Soueraigne Monarchie from being wraped and inuelloped, eyther in your positions, or in your exteriour apparence; as a Historian said, that the rich wals of Babylon (that seuenth wonder of the world) were neuer ouerspread or touched with Iuy. For as an expert Mason (of all things) ought not to beautifie his building with that ruinous herbe, because in stead of strengthening it, it will destroy it. So a politicke Prince ought in no wise permit or tollerate the sect and society of Iesuites to reside in his Dominions, what colour of Religion, of spirituall fruit, or of saluation of soules, soeuer they propose him; because it is to wedde his estate to the vtter ruine and manifest destruction thereof, in respect they vndertake too much, and busie themselues too much with the affaires of the State.

Know we not by experience, that as the most orientest pearles, by the long and often touching them with lead, are conuerted into dust and earth, so

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the ſoules of the moſt reſoluteſt and pureſt ſubiect becommeth either ſilent, perfidious or diſloyall through their long frequenting and familiarity with the Ieſuites? which haue for their traditiue and rule (like vnto *Philip* King of Macedonia, who deſirous to make peace with the Grecians, required their chiefeſt Orators to eſtrange them from them;) that immediatly as ſoone as they come neare great perſonages, they might by their tongue and art ſo contriue it, that their moſt loyall and faithfulleſt ſeruants ſhould bee withdrawne from them, to the end that futurely without danger according to his deſire, he might the better plot and manage his proiects, without being diſcouered.

For proofe whereof, how many excellent men hath father *Cotton* cauſed to be remoued from the Court, to the end hee might domineere alone? Great Cardinall *Perron* (the lampe of learning) ſpeake and ſay freely, how often hath this Sparrow-Hauke aſſayed to out-ſoare you; yea to outbraue and eclipſe you neere the deceaſed King? Renouned Portingall, how many elbow-thruſts hath this impudent giuen your reputation? thereby to ſeparate you from your King, which neuer aduanced you becauſe of the malicious importunity and importunate malice of this *Harpy*, which would ingroſſe vp al for himſelfe and his adherents. And thou, O ſweet ſpirit, golden tongue, the ornament of our time *Fenouillet*, how many times haue you beene aſſaulted by this *Iſmaell*, which could

not endure that (neere the King) your pure eloquence should obscure his Comedian stile, whom you being a Bishop (nay a worthy Bishop) esteeme no more then a poore ignorant Priest. And thou *Coeffeteau*, so neerely inward with this hunter of Benefices, Priories, and Court preferments, hath not the purity of thy pen beene so farre suspected and enuyed by him, that he sought to tye thee to liue by the price of bloud, which is established to purchase a field to bury and interre those pilgrims which concurre to the Church? And as for thee *Valladier*, with thy desultory method of writing, thou hast affrighted this Courtier, which hath brought thee to thy last extremity. As for the Bishoppes of France, he hath alwaies beene their plague, yea they know the complants which they haue made of him, so farre as in their Synod to suspend him *à Diuinis*. But there was none but the Abbot of Boys which hath repulsed and repelled his assaults; yea and forced him to hearken to reason, and become tractable and conformable; seconded by the iudicious assistance of the Popes *Nuncio*, which soone perceiued that this masculine and vigorous spirit, was not of the minde nor mettall to adore *Cotton*, *Belsabub*, God of the flies of the Court; which hath alwaies his Altars imbrued and tainted, with the bloud of the Oxen and Bulles of the Church, to wit, of her most learned and excellentest Preachers. It is not long since, that to imprint in the heart of our yong King, he should make vse of none but the Iesuites, and reiect and cast off all others: this iugler reported

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his Maiesty, that the King of Polonia (being a magnanimious and heroycke Prince) had with his owne hand ouerthrowne and slaine the great Duke of Muscouia, because, quoth this tale-teller, the said King had with him foure Iesuites, which neuer forsoke him: as if the shadow of these foure Iesuites represented him the presence of *Aymons* foure sons, which heretofore made *Charlemaine* so renowned and feared. And yet notwithstanding this fable, it is apparantly knowne, that this aforesaid Polonian King (which by the meanes of these foure Iesuites, this lyer hath made so victorious) hath beene himselfe both vanquished and slaine.

Briefly, as we reade that *Iupiter* with one small chaine, very easily drew al the other Gods after him, and himselfe could bee drawen by none of them: so the Iesuites in their Troublexiue of *Gretzerus*, report and write (*Being a barrell of wine, and a filthy lodge stinking of lyes and blasphemies*) that this *Cotton* is the Kings Master; that his Maiestie heareth no other Masses then his, and that hee gouerneth the Queene Regent; and yet the learned Prelates of France well know that he himselfe is a puny, and in effect nothing. For otherwise great Cardinall *Perron* the Kings spirituall Master, and great *Almoner*, and the prudent and graue Bishop of Bayone his first Almoner, and the rest of the kings Almoners, (amongst whom there are personages, alwaies ready not onely to dispute, but conuict him, and render him all the daies of his life their scholar) should be highly debased and blamed: and his Maiesties

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Chaplaines appeare not to be much imployed and buſied.

But notwithſtanding this, I ſee not that eyther the king or Queene gouerne or rule the Ieſuites, and that for all the multitude of Benefices & fauors beſtowed vpon them, they cannot yet draw them to loue them, much leſſe to liue as good ſubiects, & containe themſelues in peace, without innouating ſome things amongſt vs: but rather I ſee they alone thinke to draw all France to them, and beleeue themſelues able at one blow, yea and with high wreſtling now in the kings minority, to obtaine that, whereof during the life of great *Henry*, they durſt not preſume to haue dream't. For hardly had this great king ſhut his eyes (and God knoweth if by their meanes, becauſe he at Rome purſued the reparation of the iniury done to his Maieſty, in cenſuring the Areſt of his Court of Parliament, and threatned *Cotton*, that vnleſſe he changed maximes, he would diſpatch him:) yea no ſooner, I ſay, had great *Henry* giuen his laſt adiew to this world, but they built a Citadel in the ſuburbes of S^t. *Germanes*, (without that eyther the king or Queene knowing at whoſe expence and charge (whereunto ſome peraduenture contributed, which were leaſt doubted of) with ſtrong and craftie force and policy endeuouring to violate the authority of the Parliament of Paris, that thereby they might be permitted to open their Colledge in deſpite, & maugre the whole body of the Vniuerſity. As if to ouercome all, they thought it ſufficient to alleadge they were Ieſuites,

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as the Temple of *Trophonius* built in Mnatinea needed no other ſtay then the thread of a Spiders webbe.

Already through their confidents they inioy the principall offices both of the Parliament and politike authority, eſteeming by meanes hereof, during the Kings minority, ſo to ſecure and inuellop themſelues in the ſtate, that through their intelligences it will be lawfull for them to diuert and turne it as they pleaſe. But I will giue them an aduice, which if they are wiſe, may perchance much ſteade them: and this it is; *Vindekint* Duke of Saxony, heretofore a ſworne enemy to France, in the raigne of King *Charllemaine*, ſeeing the King to be gone in perſon to the wars of Spaine, addreſſes himſelfe to a certaine Prince of Denmarke, and ſolicited him to inuade France, in reſpect the King was abſent, and his kingdome left deſolate for a prey. But the Daniſh Prince better inſtructed in the conduction of the affaires of France, replied, No, no; reiect (Sir) thoſe ſimple opinions, and deceiue not your ſelfe: for the kingdome of France is neuer vnprouided of his guard. It is I confeſſe a prey; but (I aſſure you) a ſubtle dangerous prey, which deſtroyeth and ruineth thoſe which attempt to ſurpriſe it.

In like manner it is true, that our king is a *Minor*, yea I acknowledge it: but it is alſo true that the Magiſtrates of France are very quick ſighted, and marueilous reſolute and vigilant in his Maieſties affairs. And amongſt theſe Magiſtrates there are ciuill Lieutenants, which cannot diſſemble any thing

indamageth or preiudiceth France: in respect wher-of the Iesuites are not yet arriued where they desire, nor haue not stroken the marke whereat they aime; yea I know a certaine Magistrate which heretofore repo-sed vpon the vigilancy of the late king, with-out remouing or stirring for any matter which past in Paris, that now watcheth day and night to keepe king *Lewes* the thirteenth from danger; whom God preserue and protect. Yea and I perswade my selfe, considering it was a Iaye, which by his cryes hath discouered the assault which *Bellarmine* hath giuen France: that it may likewise be true, that a Goose by his voyce hath heretofore saued the Capitoll of Rome, from the surprising of the French: and I be-leeue also that the Iesuites with all their snares and nets, shall neuer surprise this Iaye; to whom France ought to contribute and affoord an yearely memo-ry (as at Rome they yet remember the Geese which guarded and preserued the Capitoll:) because tho-rough his crie so effectually and fitly made, he hath awakened and arousèd France from her slumber, wherein through this Cardinals wicked booke, she was on the point to lose the life of her liberty.

Ha ye Iesuites, what presage is this for you, that birdes picke and warre at you? Peruse, I say, the for-tieth chapter of Genesis, what was the dreame of *Pharaohs* Baker; and thereunto adde this other place of Scripture: *Speake not euill of the King in secret, for the birds of the ayre will reueale it, and the newes therof*: and so applying all this together, feare the discouery and torment thereof.

It may be you thinke that as Dragons cannot obtaine to be Dragons, before they haue eaten a Snake; ſo likewiſe you cannot become the moſt furious and redoubtable of the world, before you haue ſwallowed downe and deuoured France. But let me certifie you, that this booke of Cardinall *Bellarmine* hath awakened vs from our Lethargie, and hath brought vs to the knowlege why the Popes *Nuncio* fauored vs ſo much: and not many moneths ſince was ſo afraide, leſt the Preachers would haue ſtirred vp the Pariſians to haue expelled and baniſhed you the Citie. For as an Areſt of the Court of Parliament is of ſmall efficacy and power, without Serieants or Purſuyuants to execute him; ſo were *Bellarmines* booke of ſmall or no vertue, were you not in France (vnder colour of religion and conſcience) to put in practiſe the execution thereof. For the maske is taken off, and we are aduertiſed at our Ladies Church in Paris, if any one deceiue vs.

No, no France, thinke not that when queſtion was to ſuppreſſe the ſellers and diſtributers of Cardinall *Baronius* his booke at Naples, written againſt the Sicilian Monarchy, that then the Popes *Nuncio* remayned ſilent or idle with his armes a croſſe: for there are many hundreds now preſent, which then ſaw his goings and commings, yea which ouerheard his threatnings. But as thoſe which dwell at the foote of the mountaines of Egypt, are deafe by reaſon of the cataracts & ſluces of Nylus; ſo the Magiſtrates of Naples ſeemed to be deafe, and gaue no

occasion of laughter to the Court of Rome, which triumph when they see people tremble, and feare at the threatnings of their *Nuncios*, and feede themselues with this vaine vanity, that they doe so stand in awe of them.

Ha, ha, Citizens of Paris, send your children to the Iesuites schooles to bee trayned vp by them for good French men, (as *Archelaus*, who sent *Xenophons* children to Lacedemonia to learne the Maiesty of *Sparta*) and you shall see what doctrine they will imprint in their hearts and spirits. And this is the lesson which came from Rome, that the youth of France should be taught by them at the opening of their schooles. But tush, this instruction came too soone in the morning: for it findeth the Colledge doores not yet open: wherefore it is pitty, being she was so lately borne (for the auncient Christians knew not the name of those Iesuites) lest before the Colledge bee open to couer, she should take some Rheume or Catarre, and so wee should haue neede to apply some vstions and cupping to warrant her from all diseases, thereby to preuent that shee infect not others.

You Sirs (to wit) you Iesuites, you haue beene principally assisted by women in the managing and conduction of all your actions, as also by those which haue finished the production thereof. For without the fauour and assistance of such people, your affaires had gone still backewards. But now since your maske is discouered, that by *Bellar-*

Iarmines booke you teach that France is no longer France, to wit, Soueraigne and independant, the very women themselues will both ouerthrow and vanquish you, (as the women of Lacedemonia; who in battell array discomfited the Messenians, which came to sacke and raze their Citie) and if there were but the Marchioneſſe of Verneull, the Counteſſe of Moret, and the holy Beaue your Agent in the world, they haue too much tasted the odoriferous smell which the Flower-de-luces yeeldeth, to permit them to wither by your breathings (I say not contagious breathes) for the word had almost escaped my tongue. And you Lord of Varrane, and Ladies of Garenne: who had there beene of your trade if France had beene no Soueraignty? For had it pleased the Pope that you should haue beene banished the Court, and that it had not beene performed; the King then without the Soueraignty of France was disposable to the Popes pleasure, and consequently then vnable to doe you good or assist you. Whereby it manifestly appeareth, that it is the Soueraignty of France, which hath assisted you, nay inriched you and placed you at your ease and pleasures. In respect whereof, you then ought and are bound to maintaine and defend it. I say further that the Marchioneſſes of Guerchuille, and Maignelet, Ladies of greater respect, and farre higher renowne then the former, would before the others, haue incited the very dogs against the Iesuites, as soone as they had

had heard the tenour of this Cardinall *Bellarmines* booke: and the Biſhop of Paris, whom I beleeue to be a loyall French man, will die with griefe, if his approbation of their innocency, haue any way aduanced ſo infamous a crime, as to endeuour by writing to rauiſh and depriue France of her independant ſoueraignty, vnto whom both he and his owe all, both their wealth and honour. And for the Duke of Eſpernon, he hath ſo farre experience in the deſtruction of King *Henry* the third, his moſt deare and debonaire maſter, what miſery and deſolation this opinion and vniuſt poſition hath occaſioned, that maketh Popes the Soueraignes of the kings of France; that I durſt beleeue he wel acknowledgeth, that to be a true French man, he loſeth not the eſſence of a good Catholique. I come now to *Monſieur Preſident Siguier*, which notwithſtanding he hath beene the kings Aduocat and Lieutenant ciuill of Paris: and therefore well knoweth with what ballances Magiſtrates ought to weigh ſuch drugges: yet I moſt aſſuredly know, that of late he hath vowed to a man of good reſpect and fame, that it were profitable, if the Ieſuites bee permitted to liue in France, they ſhould ſweare to obſerue the French Maximes, or elſe that they ſhould be exiled and baniſhed France. But there is another ſcruple, to wit, that the Proteſtants will reioyce to ſee the Ieſuites purſued: which neuertheles doth not aſtoniſh me, that we feare to annoy them which by their bookes and actions ſeeke to depriue vs of our libertie, and haue no compaſſion of vs, whileſt the conſi-

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derations which neerely concerne them, with-hold and reſtraine vs: but of two euils let vs alwaies chuſe the leaſt. The Proteſtants laugh to ſee the Ieſuites purſued, and the Ieſuites endeuour to make vs the Popes bond-ſlaues, who at their pleaſures ſhould lift vp and throw downe our Kings, when, and as often as they liſt. Let vs therefore giue the Proteſtants leaue to laugh, and in the meane time let vs defend our ſelues from the Ieſuites: for the one importeth vs more then the other. And as for me, I had rather (becauſe we cannot doe otherwiſe) that the Proteſtants ſhould laugh to ſee Catholikes purſue the Ieſuites, then that the Ieſuites ſhould triumph to haue the meanes and audacity (through one booke, yea and without ſhot of Musket or Piſtol) to make the Crowne of France ſlaue and bond-man to the Pope.

And for you of the Clergy, you haue cauſe to reioyce, in that your penſion is ill beſtowed on the *Neophyte Pelletier* (for ſo *Cotton* ſtileth him) in reſpect thereby you entertaine him, which (to his power) endeuoureth with *Rapſodies*, and vnapt Apologies, to couer the ſhame of theſe Ieſuites, being the enemies of your countrey: who was borne in Valoine in low Normandy, whereof (as ſome report) *Iudas* which betrayed his Maſter and our Sauiour Chriſt was natiue.

But father *Coeffeteau* (of the order of *Iacobins*) the once great Mynion of the Ieſuites, hath reaped profite thereby: who (as a ſecond *Themiſtocles*, ſeeing that the loue which the Perſians bore him, and all

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the royall entertainment which they shewed him, was but onely to serue themselues of him, to the ouerthrow of the Athenians and Greekes: the which he at last perceiuing, made a shew to sacrifice to their victory, and so sacrificed himselfe for the good of his countrey, by excessiuely drinking of the blood of the Bull. Right so I say this valiant *Coeffeteau* deeply conceiting and considering whereunto tended the courtesie, and intimate familiarity of the Iesuites, and at last perceiuing they meant to make vse of him, as the chiefe of the faction, against the libertie of France, he very wisely maketh semblance to sacrifice to the Roman victory, through his acquaintance with the Popes *Nuncio*; hee discouered this Cardinals pernitious booke, and the authour thereof to the Commissioner *L'Angloys*, wherby he hath made himselfe both memorable and remarkable, and hath (vndoubtedly) approued himselfe to be a loyall hearted and true French man, contrary to the nature of the water of the *Cephuscen* fountaine, which no sooner is poured into a narrow vessell, and lost his running current, but is instantly transformed into greene yce, and so by little and little obdurating is changed into flint stones. For the inward friendship which since the Kings death the said *Coeffeteau* hath borne and vowed the Iesuites conditionally they should make him a Bishop, hath not made him insensible of his countreyes wound, but the loue thereof hath caused him to produce and bring to light the booke and the matter which it contained, as also those which had of them, which

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the politique Magiſtrate hath found out and ſeized; and ſo hath deliuered them vp to the Preſidents of the high Court of Parliament, which wil ſoone perceiue that this deteſtable pamphlet is like thoſe huge Pageants, erected at Rome againſt the Carmenien feaſts, which repreſented Chariots of triumph, that withinſide were onely full of ſtraw and hay; being as combuſtible as the matter of this Cardinals booke, which by his title vaunteth himſelfe a Giant, but in effect (as will appeare by his refutation) will proue but a collection and heape of ſcreeds and fragments of I know not what prophane authours vnbound and torne.

Now if France deſire to know what I am that haue ſounded this *Tocſin*, I anſwere I am *Memnons Statue*, erected not in Thebes of Egypt, but in Paris of France: and as *Memnons* olde Statue at the riſing of *Apollo* was no ſooner warmed with his beames, but he gaue ſo marueilous a crie, as made the Citizens to concurre together: ſo at the riſing and apparition of the leaſt fire whatſoeuer, which pretendeth to burne France, I will no ſooner bee therewith warmed and touched, but I will crie out *Alarum* to ſtirre vp all the world to the diſpelling and extenuating thereof. And put the caſe I am therefore perſecuted and tormented, I notwithſtanding will neuer ceaſe to ſound and ring out my *Tocſin* as loud as I can, no more then did *Memnons* Statue when it was halfe diſmembred, & rent in pieces by *Cyrus*.

Thus Reader, whatſoeuer thou art, thou ſeeſt

what I am: but if thou art a loyall hearted French man (as *Pythagoras* by the measure of *Hercules* foote could imagine the greatenesse of his whole bodie) so by this small Treatise conceiue thou the greatnes of my loue to France: the which if it be eyther tryed or prouoked by the King or Councell (without departing from my obedience, faith and communion of the Church of Rome) shall produce very terrible effects: not beleeuing neuertheleſſe that which is reported at Rome, that they are eyther Lutherans or Caluinists, which giue vnto God that which is Gods, and will not also take away some things from Kings to giue to Popes, nor yet to bow their knees, humbly to reuerence the Iesuites,

Reddite quæ sunt Cæsaris Cæsari, & quæ sunt Dei Deo.

Otherwise we must conclude, that all Magistrates of the Crowne of Spaine, and of the renowned Common-wealth of Venice, which diminish not a any thing from their soueraignty to please the Pope were *todos Lutheranos* (all Lutherans:) which no man of iudgement will report, much lesse affirme.

And so farewell without farewell.

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AN EXTRACT OF THE REGISTERS OF THE Court of Parliament of PARIS:

Against the book intituled,

Tractatus de Potestate Summi Pontificis in temporalibus, aduersus Guilielmum Barclaium, auctore Roberto Sanctæ Ecclesiæ Romanæ Cardinali Bellarmino.

Imprinted at London by *William Stansby.*
1611.

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OF THE REGISTERS
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PARIS:

A small book entitled

The Glories of Republican Paris, or the Civic Festivals, celebrating the Establishment of the Republic, and the Sovereignty of the People.

Translated from the French.

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SEene by the Court, the great chamber of the Tournelle and Edict, assembled, the booke intituled Tractatus de Potestate summi Pontificis in temporalib' aduersus Guilielmum Barclaium, auctore Roberto Sanctæ Ecclesiæ Romanę Cardinali Bellarmino, *imprinted in Rome by* Bartholomew Sanet, *the yeare* 1610. *the*

conclusions of the Kings Atturney Generall, all heard and considered.

The said Court hath and doth prohibite, and defend all maner of persons of what quality or condition soeuer, vpon paine of Crime De Læse Maiestie, not to receiue, retaine, communicat, imprint, cause to be imprinted or solde the aforesaid booke, containing a false and detestable opinion, tending to the subuersion of Soueraigne powers, ordained and established by God; stirring vp of subiects against their Princes, withdrawing of their obedience, prouoking them to set violent handes vpon their royall persons and estates, and to trouble the repose and tranquillity of the VVeale publike. Inioyning and commanding also all those which haue copies of the aforesaid booke, or

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know who possesseth them, speedily to reueale and declare them to the Ordinarie Iudges; that according to the requests of the said Atturney Generall, perquisition may be made, and execution done vpon the offendors, as reason shall require.

Also the said Court hath and doth make the like prohibition, and defence, vpon paine of the aforesaid penaltie, to all Doctors, Diuines, Schoole-masters or others, not to confer, dispute, write, or teach eyther directly or indirectly in their Schooles, Colledges, or any other places, the aforesaid proposition.

Ordayned likewise by the said Court, that this present Arest shall be sent to the Bayliffes and Shrieffes of this Kingdome, to be read, published, inregistred, kept and obserued according

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to the tenour and forme thereof; inioyning alſo the ſubſtitutes of the ſaid Kings Atturney Generall, to be carefull to ſee the execution therof: and to certifie the Court monthly of their diligence therein.

Giuen in Parliament the ſixe and twentieth of Nouember. 1610.

SIGNED. DV TILLET.

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THE EXTRACT OF AN AVTHOVR, which hath written the hi-*ſtory of our time*.

A Great number of French were Leaguers, vnder colour of Religion, vntill the Duke of Feria (the Spaniſh Ambaſſadour) diſcouered and tooke off the King his Maſters Maske, when in the aſſembly of the pretended ſtates in Paris, he demanded the Kingdome of Fraunce in propriety and ſucceſsion for a daughter of Spaine; contrary to that which is written in ſacred Scripture, *Let not the Lillies ſpinne.* And then

it was that the chiefe President (in danger of his life) pronounced that good and notable Areſt the eight and twentieth of Iuly, 1593. whereby vpon paine of death it was defended to mention or ſpeak of tranſporting the Crowne to any other vnleſſe to the true heires thereof; declaring all matters tending to the preiudice of the Salique law: and all other fundamentall lawes, appertaining to the crowne of France, to be of no power, value, force or vertue. And exhorting the Duke of Mayene, to imploy his authority of Lieuetenantſhip, that vnder colour of Religion the Crowne of France might not fall into the poſſeſsion of a ſtranger, contrary to the lawes of the Kingdome in that behalfe extant and prouided.

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THE APPLICATION thereof, made by MEMNONS *Statue.*

A Great and notable number of Catholiques, vnder colour of religion adhæred with the Iesuits vntill now Cardinal *Bellarmine*, taking off the maske and discouering the reason why the Pope his Master, so sharply insisted for the reestablishment of the Iesuites in France, when thinking they had assuredly opened their Colledge in Paris, he vnder colour to answere a certaine person of *Hercles*, sent the forme of that which the said Iesuites should teach our youth concerning the Soueraignty of the Crowne of France, which hee brought in subiection to the Popes pleasure; against that which is written of the Lilleyes *Quæ non laborant*, they are no villaines, hired seruants nor slaues. And then it was when (with danger of his life) the statue of *Mem-*

non ſounded , and rung out this ſhrill ſounding *Tocſin,* being the ſeuenteenth of Nouember,1610. Which vpon paine to be declared Felons and Traytors,diſſwaded al loyal hearted French men, neither to ſpeak nor teach any way,or for any cauſe whatſoeuer, that Popes can temporally diſpoſe of the Soueraigntie of France : declaring all bookes tending to the preiudice of the French fundamental Maximes,to be wicked and Diabolicall , and exhorting the Biſhops of Paris,*N.N.N.* of Guerchville, Maignelet, the Marchioneſſe of Verneul, Counteſſe of Moret *N.* & others to whom it appertaineth,to imploy the honor which they enioy to be borne in France ; as alſo their goods,to the end that vnder colour of Religion,the Soueraignty of France (againſt the laws of God and the kingdom) fall not into the hands of Prieſts : and particularly admoniſhing the Sieurs *N.N.* no more to affright and daunt the Magiſtrates wch watch for the good of the French Monarchie : nor by artificiall impietie to abuſe the authoritie which they haue neere

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the perſon of the Queene Regent, to the great preiudice of the Princes of bloud, Lords, loyal Officers, and faithful ſubiects of the Crowne: which as much as in them lieth they diſgrace and caſt downe, to the end they may domineere and gouerne alone after their owne humours. Otherwiſe if after this admonition they neglect to take heede; the Statue of *Memnon* ſhall reueale many packets of ſecrets: and they ſhall ſee that *Mordocheus* although poorely apparelled in Canuaſse, ſhal preſerue both King and State, yea and diſcouer and reueale the treacherous complots of thoſe two *Tereſh* and *Bigthon*: For France is now wearie, and reſolued no longer to endure their iugling trickes, and ſleights of *Legier Du Main*.